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Re: Public Records Access No. 21025

Dear Mr. Waters:

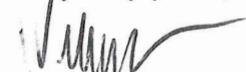
This is in response to October 24, 2019 request, which has been assigned the above-referenced filing number under the Port Authority's Public Records Access Policy.

Please be advised that your request as currently framed is exceptionally broad. The request is not specific and precise as to what records are actually being sought, and the request seeks an inordinately large volume of records. For example, courts have held that requests for all materials or documents "regarding," "concerning," "relates to," or "pertaining to" a certain topic must be particularized. This is because the question of whether a given document "regards," "concerns," "relates to," or "pertains to" a broader topic often involves a subjective judgment call – on which reasonable people can disagree, and which can take Freedom of Information officers a great deal of time to work through.

Broad requests can require an enormous expenditure of agency resources and can take an especially long period of time for us to turn around on your behalf. And with broad requests, it can be especially difficult for us to discern what is important to the requester, and what the requester may have included only to help ensure that he or she is getting what is especially crucial from his or her perspective. Against this backdrop, we ask that you modify your request, to make it substantially more narrow and more specific --- so that we can work efficiently, with a focus on getting you the materials that are most important to you.

If we don't hear from you one way or another within five business days, we will close this request. If we do hear from you within five business days, we will begin our work.

Very truly yours,



William Shalewitz
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From: 82144-82439185@requests.muckrock.com
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 3:50:50 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: PA FOI
Subject: New York Freedom of Information Law Request: Millimeter wave scanner tests w/ TSA (The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey)

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October 24, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information Law, I hereby request information about your agency's use of millimeter wave scanning technology. The technology is manufactured by companies such as ThruVision and QinetiQ, and your agency has tested the technology in cooperation with the Transportation Security Administration. News articles describing the technology and the tests conducted with the TSA are available here:

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/breaking/ct-tsa-metra-bomb-scanner-testing-20191015-jb5eb5twtrg33igvt3gvt2jmiy-story.html>

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/will-l-a-s-anti-terrorist-subway-scanners-be-adopted-everywhere/>

Specifically, I am requesting the following documents:

- 1) Any documents describing the scope, duration, or location of millimeter wave technology tests with the TSA.
- 2) Copies of any reports or assessments written describing the results of the tests.
- 3) Any policies describing how the technology is used, and any legal analyses or studies that may have been carried out which deal with the technology.
- 4) A copy of all technical documentation regarding the technology. Please search your records for user manuals, maintenance or service manuals, studies or reports, spec sheets or data sheets, or any other such documentation.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Brian Waters

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